

Advice

If you are going to work hard, work hard at the beginning. Working hard now is going to get you on a different career path that will affect the next 40 or 50 years of your life.

Do a job that gets you excited. If you have a job like that you will be much more likely to be successful because you will put more effort and time into it. It won't be work.

If time go through what happened to me at age 15.

Apprenticeship – If you want to get a job offer, let me give you some simple advice. I have had hundreds of interns over the years. 95% work 9 to 5. As soon as they get a chance to run out the door they do so. Almost all either have to be guided by the hand to do whatever task that you have assigned to them or they do that task and no more. A few rare individuals take initiative. I work with data. I would say that only 1 out of every hundred interns will come to me and say that they saw something strange or unusual in the data. I tell you as an employer if I have a young person who sticks around each day until they have finished their tasks and show some initiative, those are keepers. Those are the people you will fight to find positions for.

Let me give you a couple of quotes:

I'm a great believer in luck, and I find the harder I work the more I have of it.

In one famous quote, Albert **Einstein** explained his **genius** when he famously said, "I **have** no special talents. I **am** only **passionately curious**."

James Madison proposed what became the Second Amendment. The founders personally carried guns and defended the right to do so. At the beginning of the country, Americans were able to carry guns outside the home in public, openly or concealed, without any restrictions.

Question: can you name me one place in the world that has banned either all guns or all handguns and seen murder rates fall? If guns on net are bad, you would think that is an easy question. You ban guns and people should be safer, right? Yet every single time that guns have been banned murder rates go up.

Chicago and DC experience.

Even island nations.

Background checks.

Everyone wants to stop dangerous people from getting weapons.

But the current system is a mess. It disarms the most vulnerable people in our society.

Errors in system – around 99% of those stopped are false positives.

Costs of checks.

If you believe that background checks reduce crime, they reduce it for everyone not just the person who is going out of their way to obey the law. As an economist, the people who benefit should be the ones who pay. If everyone benefits, you pay for it out of general revenue. If you believe that background checks are good, you want to encourage people to do them, right? But in DC where they are voting on this legislation, it costs \$125 to do the background check. Go through absurd rule. Does making people pay these fees encourage them to obey the law? Again, if you want to encourage people to do this, which you claim is benefiting everyone, pay for it out of general revenue. But gun control advocates will fight you tooth and nail against that change because I believe that they want these rules to make it costly for people to own guns.